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# BOLD QUEST 2011



## **Technologies, partnerships** strengthened during Bold Quest

By Michael Maddox CRIER STAFF WRITER

amp Atterbury-Muscatatuck Training Complex is no stranger to hosting Soldiers with a multitude of unit patches from a wide variety of locations. But recently, the installation hosted military members from foreign services across the globe.

Atterbury-Muscatatuck Complex hosted Bold Quest 2011, a joint staff lead military coalition combat assessment exercise designed to test the interoperability of target identification systems of 12 NATO member nations to reduce friendly fire incidents. The exercise, which involved more than 700 foreign and U.S. military members, was conducted Sept. 8-23.

During Bold Quest, military members from nations including Australia, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Poland, the United Kingdom, the United States and NATO, worked together to test equipment to ensure they are all speaking the same "language" during real-world coalition missions.

Bold Quest is an exercise that has been progressively grown in mission aspects and participants all working together toward one goal — keeping Soldiers safe, John Miller, Bold Quest operational manager, said.

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"Bold Quest is a recurring series of operational demonstrations in which we bring coalition war fighters, technicians and analysts together in problem solving partnerships that ultimately result in a major operational demonstration in the field. It's testing under operational conditions to the maximum extent that we can replicate," he explained. "This year, we have expanded the work in the human dimension of coalition combat identification."

"For a number of years and the first few series of Bold Quest, our focus was on technology — technical solutions," Miller said. "This time around, we are doing a lot of that, as well, but we have a significant human dimension element in which we are investigating the stress of human decision making at the dismounted war fighter level as well as training solutions to deal with those kinds of stress factors."

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German Soldiers engage simulated enemy insurgents during Bold Quest 2011 at Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center Sept 15. Bold Quest is a Joint Staff lead coalition combat assessment exercise to test the interoperability of target identification systems of member nations to reduce friendly fire incidents.

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Mid-September, the U.S. Army's Aviation Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center held an Open House for their storefront at Muscatatuck. The partnership with AMRDEC will allow new technologies to be tested at Muscatatuck by the Soldiers and end users who will be using those items. This will allow new technologies to get to the



Lt. Col. Dale Lyles

Commander's Message

field much faster than ever before.

However, Muscatatuck is not just about the military side of the house. Civilian agencies, educators and the like have been making great use of our facility for what it offers to them, as well. For instance, the International Working Dog Competition will take place at Muscatatuck in early October, bringing police dogs from all over the United States to the facility in order to train, share tactics and techniques and hold workshops, which will make everybody a little better at their job and possibly save lives because of it.

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Lt. Col. Dale Lyles is the site manager of Muscatatuck Urban Training Complex.

#### **Macedonian visitors**



Maj. Vasil Mitevski, a member of the Macedonian Army, reads a letter written by a local elementary school student to the Soldiers at Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center Sept. 20. Mitevski and several Macedonian officers toured the Soldier Readiness Center to prepare for the creation of such a facility in their home coun-

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## Indiana Guardsmen join international Soldiers in Bold Quest

By Staff Sgt. Matt Scotten crier staff writer

National Guard with the 2nd Battalion, 151st
Infantry Regiment played a part in a multinational exercise at Camp Atterbury Training Center this month called Bold Quest 2011, a joint staff-led military coalition combat assessment exercise designed to test the interoperability of target identification systems of 12 NATO member nations.

The exercise, which involved more than 700 foreign and U.S. military members, took place Sept. 8 through Sept. 23.

According to John Miller, Bold Quest operational manager, the exercise brings together forces from coalition nations to analyze and test equipment and training practices in order to facilitate better communication between joint forces operating in the same area and minimize friendly fire incidents as much as possible.

This year's Bold Quest exercise stands out as the first one to involve heavy support from National Guard units, many times role playing as opposing forces in scenarios that pitted them against military forces from all over the world so that equipment could be tested to identify good guys from bad guys.

The 2nd-151st Soldiers trained in human immersion simulators that allowed operations analysts to gather data on the stress of human decision-making at the war-fighter level, and training solutions to deal with those kinds of stress factors.

"The human immersion simulator was a little difficult to use at first, but once you figure it out, it was great," said Pfc. Kevin Hadley, an Elkhart native and forward observer, Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 2nd-151st Inf. "A system like this would allow the Guard to do realistic infantry training right there in the armory. I think every unit should have one."

Miller said the willingness of the Indiana Soldiers to do whatever was needed during Bold Quest was instrumental in the success of the exercise.

"Everything we have asked the



**Above**: Guardsmen from 2nd Battalion, 151st Infantry Regiment, Indiana National Guard, move down a mock marketplace as they participate in Bold Quest 2011 at Muscatatuck Urban Training Complex Sept. 13. Bold Quest is a coalition combat assessment exercise to test the interoperability of target identification systems of member nations to reduce friendly fire incidents. *Crier photo by Staff Sgt. Brad Staggs.* Below: Sgt. Darrin Spencer, a Kokomo native and squad leader with "D" Company, 2nd Battalion, 151st Infantry Regiment, trains with a human immersion combat simulator at Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center Sept. 12. The system uses goggles and various other sensors worn by Soldiers to put them in a virtual simulation of a combat zone. *Crier photo by Staff Sgt. Matt Scotten.* 

Guard units to do, on the ground and in the air, and in many cases, grab some technologies they were not familiar with, they have just done it and with a great attitude," Miller said. "Personally, I would repeat this and work with them in this type of venue any time."

Capt. Brent Schmidt, a South Bend native and commander, "B" Co., 2nd-151st Inf., said although much of what his Soldiers did was act as opposing forces during various scenarios against coalition troops, another purpose was being served



at the same time.

"All of my Soldiers wore vests that allowed them to be tracked by the operations section of the exercise. Each Soldier shows up on the tracking equipment to help Bold Quest study how troops can be effectively identified on the battlefield. The whole time they were out there they were collecting data that could help save lives," Schmidt said.

Spc. Nicholas Pudell, an Otterbein native and forward observer, Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 2nd-151st Inf., said he is proud that he has been

able to take part in Bold Quest and have the opportunity to work with service members from other countries to help test new technologies that could render positive results on the battlefield.

"It was a really good

experience," Pudell said. "It makes me feel really good that what we're doing out here could possibly help save Soldiers' lives in Afghanistan and Iraq right now. It also makes me feel really good that they came to the Indiana National Guard and asked us to do this. It's a privilege to be here."

Besides testing equipment for operations analysts, Indiana Guardsmen also had the opportunity to get to know Soldiers from the participating coalition countries and compare tactics procedures and weaponry.

"It's been pretty awesome seeing some of the similarities, as well as the differences, between our own ways of doing things and those of other units from foreign countries here," said Staff Sgt. Shey J. Kelley, a Logansport native and squad leader with 2nd Platoon., "B" Co., 2nd-151st Inf.

Although this is the first time Indiana National Guard units have participated in Bold Quest, Stuart Whitehead, assistant deputy director of Command, Control and Integration for the U.S. Joint Staff, said he had every confidence that the Guard would complement the exercise well.

"My expectation was pretty high because of the Guard's reputation and the contributions the Guard has made and continues to make in the fight today," Whitehead said. "Given the way the total force is working today, I think what we found is that we are able to work at very high levels of tempo and technical expertise."





## Subway simulation training introduced during Vibrant Response

BY JILL SWANK
CRIER STAFF WRITER

ilitary personnel and first responders rush into the subway wearing protective suits while armed with detection equipment, protective masks and orange boots. Firefighters pull victims out of the subway who were trapped and injured, as others search for the cause of the explosion. Authorities suspect a chemical agent may have been used in the attack Aug. 17, located on the subway at Muscatatuck.

This is only the scene of an exercise and the kind of scenario that prompted the recent addition of the subway training venue to the Muscatatuck Urban Training Complex. The subway venue has also opened up new training opportunities during Exercise Vibrant Response 12, which took place Aug. 16-28 at Muscatatuck Urban Training Complex and Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center.

Exercise Vibrant Response 12 was conducted by United States Army North and is the command's largest disaster response exercise to date.

This multi-agency, multicomponent exercise is intended to prepare state and federal military forces for their role in responding to a catastrophic chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear incident in the homeland.

Lt. Col. R. Dale Lyles, Muscatatuck Urban Training Complex site commander, explained what the subway exercise was trying to achieve through training:

"The Muscatatuck Urban Training Complex subway is a graduate level training venue for testing and evaluating crisis management. The two subway cars setting on rail at a replicated underground stop stresses every employable system available to responding units," he said. "Unit leaders and Soldiers learn how to isolate the entrance, recon and clear the tunnel system, extract victims, establish collection points, call for medevac and return stability."

"The Muscatatuck subway



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Survey Team Member Sgt. Matthew Frohnapfel, of Augusta, Mich., from the 51st Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team, Michigan Army National Guard, tests the new subway station disaster venue for radiation during a mock scenario at Muscatatuck Urban Training Complex, Aug. 17. Exercise Vibrant Response 12 is conducted by U.S. Army North and is the command's largest disaster response exercise to date. This multi-agency, multi-component exercise is intended to prepare federal military forces for their role in responding to a catastrophic CBRN incident in the homeland.

training venue provides a real world level of complexity unlike any in the nation. It makes Soldiers, leaders and units better prepared to handle crisis situations," Lyles added.

With recent suicide-bomb attacks in subways in London, Moscow, Madrid and a possible terror plot on the New York subway in 2008, reported by the FBI, building a subway sparked

interest in military personnel and first responders who would like to train for such a disaster.

To satisfy this interest, the subway venue was created and placed at Muscatatuck in late April and unveiled for training during Army North.

Two subway cars were donated by the Chicago Transit Authority, said Contracting Officer Representative Staff Sgt. Daniel Bolinger, and they enhanced the realistic feel needed for emergency responder training in the venue.

"The subway training venue adds another level of realism,

which is what Muscatatuck strives to do. Smoke can be added in the subway. Once it is complete, we will be able to evacuate the smoke in as little as four minutes and control lighting to turn on, off and flicker. It will feel like you are on real subway. We will be adding realistic aspects such as movie posters, advertising and graffiti," Bolinger said.

The 51st Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team, Michigan Army National Guard, of Fort Custer, Mich., was the first to use this new venue. The 51st CST used its equipment to test mock victims and subway cars for chemicals and radiation during the scenario.

Later in the scenario, local firefighters took advantage of the subway venue by evacuating the same mock victims to safety.

Mike Stackhouse, Muscatatuck Urban Training Complex fire department training officer, said the new venue has been beneficial to first responders.

"It offers a host of opportunities for both law enforcement and fire departments. For us, it offers the opportunity for search and rescue in an urban setting in a subway, a chance for civilian and military to co-mingle in training," Stackhouse said.





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## MUTC partners with AMRDEC to test new technology

By Staff Sgt. Brad Staggs

**The U.S. Army's Aviation** ■ Missile Research. Development and Engineering Center based at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala., is partnering with the Muscatatuck Urban Training Complex in Butlerville to bring innovation to support the whole nation by providing the most realistic operating environment and meet the national security requirements of the 21st Century through technology.

Some of that technology was demonstrated during an open house at Muscatatuck Sept. 16.

With this new partnership between AMRDEC and Muscatatuck, new technologies that have not yet been fielded will be brought to the site and training units will be able to use them. This will provide anybody training at Muscatatuck the chance to work with brand new technologies and, more importantly, provide AMRDEC with the all-important feedback from the personnel who will be using it.

The goal is to get those technologies into the hands of Soldiers and civilians quicker than ever before.

"We are dealing with foes that would do us and our friends harm who are, basically, reaching in off-the-shelf and negating what we can do faster than we can produce (technologies)," said Maj. Gen. Clif Tooley, assistant adjutant general for the state of Indiana. "We have to change the way we do business."

Traditionally, real-world training and new product testing were worlds that did not converge. Testing was done in very specific

places under very specific conditions, while real-world training was kept away from future products. At Muscatatuck, those two worlds will come together in order to get feedback from the personnel who will actually use the products and get them into the hands of those who will use them much faster.

According to Tooley, Muscatatuck — when tied with the other Indiana assets such as Crane Naval Base — provides a 21st century contemporary operating environment in which the joint military, inter-agency, inter-governmental and multinational worlds can combine the training and testing sides to meet the demands of the ever-changing

Camilla Gean, special projects director of the Software Engineering Directorate for AMRDEC, was very optimistic about what could be accomplished from the first time she saw Muscatatuck.

"This is a highly unique training center, no doubt, in that it serves a multitude of both military and civil customers," Gean said.

"I'm constantly amazed by what I see when I come here," Dan Wright, mayor of the nearby town of Vernon, added while watching technology demonstrations. "The things that are available here for training are incredible."

It was a sentiment echoed by nearly all who attended the unveiling. Harold Campbell, a Vietnam veteran and mayor of North Vernon, enjoyed watching Pfc. Katie Gore, a Soldier who had never operated a robot before, put one through its paces.

"I wish we had one of these when I was in," Campbell said. "She's never worked one before and she's driving it like an expert. Incredible!"

During the unveiling, AMRDEC had several technologies on display, including two robots of different sizes outfitted with cameras. The larger of the two robots - the Modular Advanced Armed Robotic System or MAARS — demonstrated how it could pick up a cinder block with its arm without tipping over, while the Dragon Runner robot, weighing only 14 pounds, can be deployed to see around corners and go places before Soldiers in an urban environment.

These technologies will be made available to training units at Muscatatuck as long as they give feedback to AMRDEC.

The Indiana National Guard through the Camp Atterbury-Muscatatuck Center for Complex Operations has helped to bring the training and testing worlds together and will continue to innovate for the welfare of the Soldiers and civilians who train



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A robot being tested by the U.S. Army Aviation & Missile Research, Development & Engineering Center at Muscatatuck Urban Training Complex in Butlerville takes a can of soda from Chris Ertl, of Indiana Bank and Trust in North Vernon, during the organization's open house at MUTC Sept. 16.

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Technology training and testing was one major part of Bold Quest 2011, according to Maj. Tommy Myrvoll, with the Norwegian Battle Lab, and Bold Quest project officer.

"The main technologies (involved in the exercise) are the dismounted Soldier technologies," Myrvoll said. "It's situational awareness technology for the Soldier so they can look at the small navigational panel and see where all of the other people in their platoon are, and also where the other platoons are. They can also see vehicles and aircraft in the area."

Myrvoll said he has seen great progress in the technologies used to help identify friendly forces.

"I think the development of the technologies has been progressing very well. We first participated in 2009, and we saw that our systems had some challenges, especially talking to other systems," Myrvoll said. "Now we have done some work on our



CRIER PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. MATT SCOTTEN

Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 151st Infantry Regiment, Indiana Army National Guard, perform a night assault at Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center Sept. 21, during Bold Quest 2011.

systems and they are working very well all of the way from the dismounted Soldier to the vehicles and the Tactical Operations Center, as well."

Maj. Markus "Starbuck" Stury, a pilot for the German military from the 33rd Fighter Bomber Wing, said Bold Quest has also allowed the Germans to fine tune coalition communication skills to prevent any friendly fire incidents.

"We fly our aircraft with the (identification) system, and we circle around in an orbit, then we

run our system. As the computers are connected to the ground station and they send us information back, we can then make sure all of our data is correct before we deploy our ordnance," Stury said. "With a bombing run, you don't want to have errors, especially with friendlies close by."

Being able to work on systems and communications in a coalition training environment is beneficial for everyone to make sure everything will run smoothly during real-world missions, said Maj. Antoni Furman, Australian Capability Development Group, fire support staff officer.

"It's good to be part of a coalition team where we are all working for the same outcomes, everyone is getting the same feedback and developing the system as a coalition team," Furman said. "We look forward to coming to these events to participate and to continue to learn in a coalition setting."

Miller said that judging from

preliminary results, the exercise is leading to success for everyone.

"The exercise has been going great. The national representatives from the 12 other nations that are here with the U.S. are reporting that they are meeting all of their data collection objectives and in a number of cases, exceeding them," Miller said.

The training area, support and accommodations at Camp Atterbury-Muscatatuck have been the perfect venue for the Bold Quest team to accomplish their missions, Miller said.

"The venue meets all of our needs. It's rare to find a place that does that," he said. "It's not just the air and ground space, but it's the event control facilities that are available to us here at Atterbury as well as the proximity of the airfield.

"In past events, sometimes some of the things that are co-located here at Atterbury have been separated by 40 or 100 miles, which makes it more difficult to control an event on a day-to-day basis," he said. "To have that all here at Atterbury,

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## American kestrels find a new home at Camp Atterbury

By JILL SWANK CRIER STAFF WRITER

embers of the Indiana Raptor Center released four American kestrels on Camp Atterbury property

during a ceremony Sept. 16. Guests were also treated to a live bird of prey program that included a bald eagle, a peregrine falcon, an eastern screech owl (gray phase) and a barn owl up close and personal.

One of the four released kestrels was originally rescued from Camp Atterbury, thanks to some of the staff from Range Control.

"Soldiers from the range control office

called us for a rescue. They had some baby kestrels that needed some help," said Indiana Raptor Center President Patti Reynolds. "We have wanted to do a program with kestrels for a long time, so this was perfect."

Reynolds said the Indiana Raptor Center staff decided to release the kestrels at Camp Atterbury because installation is an ideal habitat for them to flourish

"Since we knew that there were kestrels out on the property

already, it's a natural kestrel habitat. We thought we would release them there as part of the program," Reynolds said.

Reynolds said Atterbury is a good habit for kestrels because it has a lot of "edge habitat" —



areas of open field or prairies surrounded by trees.

"Kestrels are cavity dwellers. They live in trees on the edge of the field, farm, park or range areas like at Atterbury. These little guys hunt mice. They hunt in the open fields because they fly a course across the field looking for rodents," she said.

Reynolds said raptors like the kestrel can be beneficial to farmers.

"A lot of people don't know that they live primarily on large

insects and mice. The insects and mice amount to about \$25 worth of damage an acre of crops a year. A family of kestrels eats seven to eight mice a day, saving a farmer around \$400 a day," she said. "So that's free rodent control for

> farmers and their crops, saving them money. On a big property like Camp Atterbury or a farm, you're saving hundreds if not thousands of dollars a day by encouraging these animals to flourish."

The American kestrel is the smallest falcon in North America at 7 to 8 inches long and can be recognized by black stripes on their cheekbones to reduce glare, according to Laura Edmunds from the Indiana Raptor Center, in Nashville.

"If you think you see a kestrel, take a second look. If you see two or more, it maybe a mourning dove. The kestrel has a larger head," Edmunds said.

Kestrels are day hunters that search for mice by looking for a urine trail, which looks florescent in the sunlight.



Above: Soldiers release four American kestrels back into their natural habitat at Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center Sept. 16. The Soldiers volunteered for the release after going to a live bird of prey program hosted by the Indiana Raptor Center from Nashville. Left: Laura Edmunds, from the Indiana Raptor Center in Nashville, holds a female bald eagle named Ben for onlookers at the Camp Atterbury Community Center Sept. 16. Ben weighs approximately nine pounds and is around 20 years old. She came to the Indiana Raptor Center after injuring her wing.





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with all of the range facilities that we have here and at Muscatatuck, is a rare find for us."

Hosting events such as Bold Quest just reinforces the capabilities of Atterbury-Muscatatuck Complex, said Maj. Gen. Cliff Tooley, assistant Indiana Adjutant General.

"Bold Quest is sort of a prototype of what we are designed to support, and that is the blending and training of forces with testing and technology with the intent of taking technology and making it more rapidly deployable to the field by interfacing it with the Soldiers as early as possible," Tooley said.

Adding in the coalition element just makes Soldiers that much more prepared for future missions, he said.

"Very seldom will we deploy upon our own, we'll always engage with our partners in coalition efforts. When we respond to the emergencies of the world, we'll do it with our partner nations," Tooley said. "All of those emergencies require that you come together as a team quickly, and you can only do that if you practice and rehearse before the event."

Miller said this was the first time the National Guard has provided the majority of the U.S. support to the event, and that the Guard members exceeded all expectations.

"We do have some active Army elements here, but the bulk of both the ground and the air elements are being provided by the Guard. It's been going great," Miller said. "Everything that we've asked the Guard units to do on the ground and in the air, and in many cases, grab some technology that they were not familiar with and run with them, they've just done it with a great attitude and professionalism. I would repeat this and work them in this type of venue anytime."

That professionalism has its rewards, Tooley said.

"It's one of the great things about having the training and testing sites of choice in your backyard: The 'home' boys get a shot at it first," Tooley said. "They are getting some unique, very high-end training and exposure to technology. I'm very proud of our guys."

## Warrior battalion partners with nearby community

By Capt. Lisa Brown

205th INFANTRY PUBLIC AFFAIRS

he 1-335th Operations
Battalion, 205th Infantry
Brigade, recently partnered
with Habitat for Humanity to help
build a house in the neighboring
community of Edinburgh.

Capt. Chad Daniels from the Warrior Battalion coordinated several community projects with Lee Ann Wilbur, executive director of Johnson County Habitat for Humanity, involving Soldiers within the 205th Infantry Brigade.

"I just contacted Lee Ann Wilbur via email and then we talked by phone," Daniels said. "I told her our battalion was interested in partnering with habitat for future projects. She gave us a couple smaller projects earlier in the year and then hooked us up with the Edinburgh build."

Within the past several months, the Warrior Battalion traveled to surrounding communities to help make a difference.

"I am a big believer in being involved with the community in which we live and work," Daniels said. "The greater Indianapolis area is a huge supporter of our Soldiers and volunteering for community projects such as Habitat allows us to work side by side with those community members who are constantly

thanking us for what we do."

Daniels is not the only Soldier who believes in giving back to the community.

"This is the second project that I have volunteered for with Habitat," said Sgt. 1st Class Nathanial Hanrahan. "I do this because it's for a good cause and with the slower operation tempo at Camp Atterbury I have the time to give back to the community I live in."

In the past, members of 1-335th have volunteered for food drives, fundraisers and house builds. They have also worked with Servant's Heart of Indy assisting families that struggle to make ends meet, local dog shelters, and were involved in the massive search for a missing Indiana University student.

Their last project with Habitat for Humanity included several members of the Warrior Battalion initiating a cleanup project on a lot located in Franklin that was donated to Habitat for Humanity.

One of their latest projects to date is assisting with the building of a new home in Edinburgh for Laura DeLoach and her two children.

DeLoach said she never imagined she could have a Habitat home. Her parents approached her with the idea to apply after she moved back into their house.

"My parents convinced me to



HOTO BY CAPT, LISA BROWN

1st Sgt. Benton Gill, 1-335th Operations Battalion, 205th Infantry Brigade, measures the length of the house before installing the siding. Gill is one of the many volunteers who helped build a house in Edinburgh for Habitat for Humanity.

apply because I never thought I would get approved for a Habitat house," she said. "When Habitat called me and said I was approved, I ran through the house screaming."

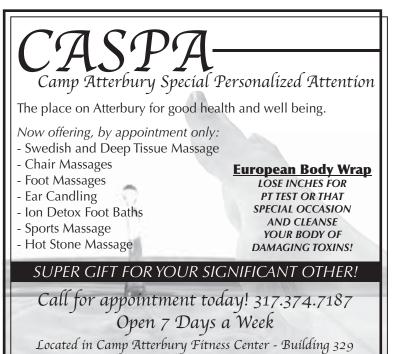
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Installation Soldiers, and
community volunteers, helped
install drywall and siding, paint
the inside and outside of the

house and assisted with the installation of cabinets, carpets and wiring.

Once the house is complete, the Soldiers and other volunteers will plant grass, trees and bushes.

Sgt. 1st Class Patrick Martin was one of the first Soldiers on the volunteer list.

"I feel great about it. I feel that it's a great opportunity to give back to the community for all that they have done in supporting Soldiers."



Additional location in Barbershop Annex behind Building 613



## Ultimate fighters display skills at Camp Atterbury

By Michael Maddox Crier Staff Writer

oldiers, Marines and civilians turned out for a glimpse of and a little hands-on training with Ultimate Fighters Chris "Lights Out" Lytle and Matt "Meathead" Mitrione at the post gym Sept. 20. The fighters spent their time giving an instructional seminar on combatives and signing autographs for fans.

The event, which was sponsored by the Camp Atterbury Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers program and the Morale, Welfare and Recreation office, let UFC fans get up close and personal with the fighters.

Lytle, who retired from the sport Aug. 14, said he feels any time he gets to visit with Soldiers is a great honor.

"I love the country that we live in. I think the people who put their lives on the line to defend it for us, you can't say enough about them," he said. "I was fortunate enough to go over to Walter Reed this year to visit some of the injured troops there, and it was amazing to me how they were so gracious and thanking me for what I do. It was just so humbling for me to think 'You guys are giving the ultimate sacrifice losing limbs. I'm in the ring fighting and that's nothing in comparison."

Maybe not surprisingly, Soldiers and UFC fighters share some of the same traits, Lytle said.

"You have to have the same mentality if you're talking about combative sports or the military. You have to think you're the best and nothing can stop you, and be willing to sacrifice for your goal," he said.

Lytle hasn't served as a Soldier, but he does serve his community as an Indianapolis firefighter.

"I'm looking to serve the community I live in and help make it a better place — that's what the military does and that's what firefighters do," he said.

As part of the combatives demonstration, Lytle and Mitrione invited crowd members to get up on the mats with them to learn combatives techniques.

Shawn Cannan, a retired



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Right: Former Ultimate Fighter Chris "Lights Out" Lytle stands ready while providing instruction to Lance Cpl. Lowell Switzer, Headquarters, 6th Marine Regiment, Camp Lejeune, N.C., during a demonstration at the Post Gym at Camp Atterbury Sept. 20. Lytle and UFC Fighter Matt "Meathead" Mitrione visited the installation and provided an instructional seminar to those interested. Above: Mitrione explains to Sgt. Jarmar Weathersbe (left), 219th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, and Staff Sgt. Nicholas Riggle (right), 157th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, the best way to bring an opponent's head down for a knee kick.

sergeant first class who is going through training with the Individual Replacement Deployment Office before deploying, said he felt meeting the UFC fighters was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

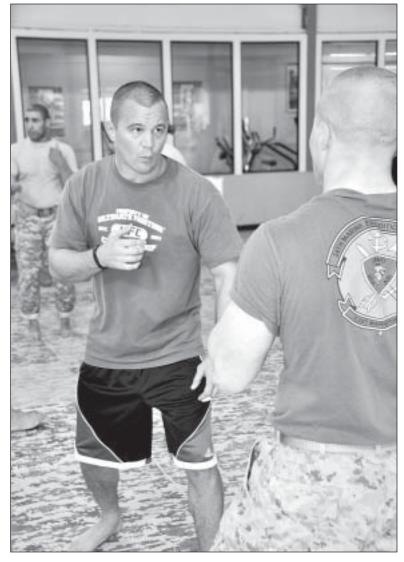
"I follow every bit of mixed martial arts out there. I'm just here for training for premobe and when I heard they were going to be here I had to do anything to get over here and see it," he said. "I've trained a little in Brazilian Jujitsu, but to be able to learn at this level is excellent."

Lance Cpl. Lowell Switzer, Headquarters, 6th Marine Regiment, Camp Lejeune, N.C., was also at the demonstration. Switzer said it was a nice refresher of skills he's learned in the past.

"I grew up in Nebraska and I trained a bit with Jake and Joe Ellenberger and Houston Alexander because they're all from the Omaha, Neb., area. So I'm a little bit of a fan," he said. "It's been like two years since I've been able to do any training so it was a much needed review."

Staff Sgt. Leah Cobble, from the 205th Training Support Brigade, said she thinks visits by celebrities like this one lets Soldiers know they're appreciated.

"I discovered my first fight when I was at midnight chow while I was in Iraq and some buddies of mine were watching UFC and that's when I first saw it. I've been really interested and following it ever since," she said. "I think it's really cool that people like them take time out to come down and visit us."





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# RUNNING OUT OF THE DARKNESS



RIER PHOTO BY JILL SWANK

Participants push to finish the last stretch of the "Out of the Darkness" 5K fun run/walk at Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center Sept. 21. The event, which supports suicide awareness and prevention, was hosted by Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

## Walk/run seeks to raise awareness and prevent suicide

By JILL SWANK
CRIER STAFF WRITER

oldiers and civilians turned out to take part in the "Out of the Darkness" 5K fun run/walk, supporting suicide awareness and prevention, hosted by the Camp Atterbury Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation Community Center Sept. 21.

In the United States, one person dies by suicide every 15 minutes, claiming more than 34,000 lives each year. It is estimated that an attempt is made every minute, with close to 1 million people attempting suicide annually according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Soldiers aren't immune from those figures. In fact, the number of Soldier

suicides has been on the rise.

"Over the last 10 years of this war, we have seen suicides increase," said Capt. Adin Rodgers, a Terre Haute native and chaplain at Camp Atterbury.

"I think the most important piece of suicide prevention is letting people know that this is something that can happen to anybody at any point in time. This isn't just something that happens to people with psychological problems; anyone that is in a down-and-out point in their life could need some help," he said.

Lt. Col. David Ellis of Martinsville, Director of Human Resources at Camp Atterbury, spoke to participants of the 5K about suicide and its impact on the National Guard in the past two years. "I just wanted to talk a little bit about suicide and how it impacts all of us. For the military, it's an even greater challenge because we are losing our battle buddies on a

daily basis. Last year, there were 343 suicides between active and reserve Soldiers. Last year, 101 Guardsmen took their lives, which is an increase from 53 in 2009,"

Ellis said.

Ellis, who had to work a suicide case before he left Afghanistan on his last deployment, reinforced

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### Suicide

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that everyone needs to increase suicide awareness and watch for signs that their fellow battle buddies may need help.

"What I want you all to think about is this 'Out of the Darkness' exercise that you are doing today is to increase awareness for that process. Never be too shy to walk up and check on your battle buddy. Just because you don't know them doesn't mean they're not one of our battle buddies. The loss is felt, whether we are talking about military or civilian contractors. Every day you are never too far away from being able to save someone," Ellis said.

Staff Sgt. Mangal Kalsi, from Brazil, Ind., an airload planner at Directorate of Logistics, decided to participate in the run. He said it supports suicide awareness.

"I'm running for the cause. Suicide is one of the biggest issues in the Army," Kalsi said. Looking for warning signs is one of the easiest ways to stay aware.

"One of the biggest warning signs is a change in personality; people start doing or saying things that they don't normally do or say. Separation and not wanting to be around people, statements that people do not feel that they have any relevance or purpose in life are also warning signs," Rodgers said.

He suggests using "ACE" when it comes to suicide prevention.

"It stands for Ask, Care and Escort. We've been using it for about eight or nine years. It's effective and it works," he said.

Suicide doesn't affect just that one person.

"Everybody is affected by suicide. The family, unit, all of the people in the chain of command that have the responsibility of assuring or assuming care for those are affected by it," Rodgers said.

This is the third year the Out of the Darkness 5K Fun Run/Walk has been held at Camp Atterbury. Approximately 100 runners participated this year.

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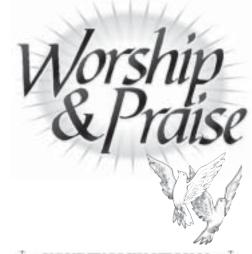
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